

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

Meeting Location: City Hall, 330 Town Center Avenue

Attendees: Jimmy Burnette, Mayor
Beth S. Hilscher, Mayor Pro Tempore
Daniel F. Foster, Councilmember
Richard I. Goodman, Councilmember
Doug Ireland, Councilmember
Linnea Miller, Councilmember
Marty Allen, City Manager
Elvira Rogers, City Clerk
Gregory Jay, City Attorney

5:30 P.M.
DINNER SESSION
BIG SPLASH ROOM, #2302

City Council Informal Session

Informal discussion among City Councilmembers and staff. Food provided for Elected Officials and staff. No action to be taken during session.

6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Burnette called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. and read the procedures for Public Meetings for the record.

2. Public Hearing

- a) **RZ 2014-007 - The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 and R-140 to PMUD to allow for a planned mixed use development of single family attached and detached units. The site is located in Land Lot 211 of the 7th District on the east side of Martin Farm Road and contains 31.39 acres.**

Josh Campbell, Planning Director, presented the staff analysis as follows: The case was postponed last month to allow time for the developer and the neighbors to discuss concerns. The applicant and the neighbors have come to a consensus on concerns. As a result, staff has provided draft amended conditions for the rezoning dated November 17, 2014 should Council desire to approve the rezoning. Staff recommends approval with conditions and the Planning Commission recommends denial.

Support:

- Mitch Peevy, 4480 Commerce Drive, Buford, GA. Mr. Peevy thanked the neighbors and staff for working with them. One of the proposed conditions of the rezoning is to make minor road improvements to Martin Farm Road from the proposed construction to King Street by widening the road approximately 2 feet. The road improvements are proposed to be delayed to the 90% completion mark of the project. Mr. Peevy stated they hired an engineer to confirm the road capacity is there. The project is proposed for 121 units to include Townhomes and Single-family. Amenities will include a pool.
- Monty Pascal, 509 Golden Meadows Circle, Suwanee, GA. Mr. Pascal stated the recent communications from the applicant and their work with the City has brought the neighborhood into agreement with the rezoning. He stated he commends JEH for working with the neighbors and believes their top priority is to make Martin Farm Road better.

Mr. Pascal requested Council consider making the bridge at Suwanee Creek a priority. He stated that the bridge is in poor condition and the area floods a lot. He stated he understands this will be a process and may require a hydrology study.

Opposition: None.

b) Alcohol Beverage License Request: Suwanee Park Tavern, 340 Town Center Avenue, Suite A8

Suwanee Park Tavern is opening in this location and has applied for a license for the on-premise consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits. Ms. Rhonda Oakley is the licensee. Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval. Marty Allen, City Manager stated the application is in order.

Support: Robert & Rhonda Oakley, 1231 Fieldcrest Court, Suwanee, GA. Mr. & Mrs. Oakley stated they are hopeful to open the restaurant mid-December or early January.

There being no further business, Mayor Burnette closed the Public Hearing and called for a brief recess.

Announcements

- a) A **random** selection of **1,200** City of Suwanee **households** will **receive a letter** in the mail this month **to participate** in the **2014 National Citizen Survey**. This marks the **4th time** that the City is participating in the Survey. (Citizens also completed the survey in 2008, 2010, and 2012.) **Resident responses**, which are **anonymous**, are tabulated by the independent **National Research Center** and **benchmarked** with more than **500 other local jurisdictions** around the country. The last time we did this survey, 99% of respondents said that Suwanee was a good or excellent place to live and would recommend living here. We appreciate your time and feedback. **Survey results assist** the City with **community planning, resource allocation, program improvement, goal-setting, and policy-making**. We expect to receive results in the **early spring**.

- b) After ringing in the holiday season and welcoming Santa in historic Old Town for about two decades, the City of Suwanee has made the bittersweet decision to move its annual holiday celebration to Town Center Park. The former Caboose Lighting is now “Suwanee’s Jolly Holly-day Celebration”! The event will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 5th, but at Town Center Park instead of on Main Street. Craft activities and free hot chocolate, cookies, and s’mores will be available while supplies last. And, of course, Santa himself will be the guest of honor and will magically light the Christmas tree at Town Center Park.
- c) The City of Suwanee and Georgia Fitness are teaming together to host the first-ever Suwanee Gateway Half-Marathon on Saturday, January 31. The race will begin at 7:30 a.m. at Town Center Park. From there, the Peachtree Road Race-certified, 13.1-mile course will meander through Old Town, along Eva Kennedy to Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, to Tench Road and eventually George Pierce Park and the Suwanee Creek Greenway to McGinnis Ferry Road, up and back along Northolt, and back along the Greenway to the finish at City Hall. Registration is available at active.com.
- d) Entries for the annual Snap! Suwanee community photo competition are being accepted through December 31. An entry form, available on the What’s New/Snap Suwanee page at suwanee.com, should accompany each submission. Participants may submit up to five entries. Photos submitted should represent the Suwanee community in some way and ideally will be taken within the City of Suwanee limits. Additional guidelines can be found at suwanee.com. Approximately a dozen winning photographs will be selected for exhibit at City Hall for an approximately one-year period beginning in March.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by members of Scout Troop 827

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. **October 16, 2014 Called Meeting**
- b. **October 16, 2014 Council Workshop**
- c. **October 28, 2014 Council Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Ireland and so carried 6-0.

6. Special Recognition

a. Suwanee Youth Leaders

Mayor Burnette, Denise Brinson and Adam Edge recognized the students of the inaugural group of Suwanee Youth Leaders. This group of student leaders were from North Gwinnett High School, Peachtree Ridge High School and home-schooled students.

7. Audience Participation – None.

OLD BUSINESS

- 8. Consider RZ 2014-007 - The applicant requests a rezoning from R-100 and R-140 to PMUD to allow for a planned mixed use development of single family attached and detached units. The site is located in Land Lot 211 of the 7th District on the east side of Martin Farm Road and contains 31.39 acres**

Motion to approve RZ 2014-007 with staff conditions dated November 17, 2014 made by Councilmember Ireland, second by Councilmember Foster and so carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. Alcohol Beverage License Request: Suwanee Park Tavern, 340 Town Center Avenue, Suite A8**

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Motion to approve issuing the Alcohol Beverage License for Suwanee Park Tavern by Mayor Pro Tempore Hilscher, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

- 11. 2015 Council Schedule**

Staff has drafted a proposed schedule for Council workshops and meetings in 2015.

Motion to adopt the 2015 Council Schedule by Councilmember Foster, second by Councilmember Goodman and so carried 6-0.

- 12. Executive Session: No Executive Session**

- 13. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember Goodman, second by Councilmember Miller and so carried 6-0.

Approved December 16, 2014